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SUBJ: BENGUELA RAILROAD: ZAIRE'S POSITION ON OPENING

1. VISITING ZAIRIAN COMMISSIONER OF MINES MAYIKUSA WAS
QUOTED ON HIS ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA JAN 12 AS SAYING ZAIRE HAS
NO INTENTION FOR THE MOMENT OF HELPING TO RECONSTRUCT
THE BENGUELA RAILROAD. "ZAIRE DID NOT SEE ANY REASON
WHY IT SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE
RAILWAY. WAIT AND LET TIME TELL WHAT ZAIRE COULD DO ABOUT
THE PROBLEM."

2. ZAIRE'S AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA ON JAN 13 ISSUED A
CLARIFICATION TO THE COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS. AMBASSADOR
NYARENDA SAID HIS GOVERNMENT IS WAITING FOR A GREEN
LIGHT FROM ANGOLA ON WHETHER THEY CAN START USING THE
BENGUELA RAILWAY. THE RAILWAY IS IN GOOD CONDITION ON
THE ZAIRIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER. HE DENIED THAT
COMMISSIONER MAYIKUSA HAD SAID THAT ZAIRE HAD NO INTENTION
OF HELPING TO RECONSTRUCT THE RAILWAY. "THE COMMISSIONER
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DID NOT MAKE THIS STATEMENT BECAUSE THE STATEMENT ITSELF
DOES NOT MAKE SENSE. OUR RAILWAY IS ALRIGHT."

COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT THE COMMISSIONER DID SAY
SOMETHING CLOSE TO "WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HELPING
TO RECONSTRUCT THE RAILWAY" AND THAT THE AMBASSADOR
ACTED TO RESCUE THE SITUATION BY REAFFIRMING ZAIRE'S

OFFICIAL LINE ON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTINUED
CLOSURE OF THE BENGUELA. LOW

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